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SUBJ: IRAN-SENEGAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: TEHRAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED MARCH 8 THAT "IRAN AND SENEGAL HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH IRAN WILL BUILD AN OIL REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICAL PLANT IN DAKAR AS A 50-50 JOINT VENTURE." REFINERY CAPACITY WOULD BE SIX MILLIONS TONS/ YEAR (120,000 B/D). CRUDE SUPPLIES WOULD CONSIST OF ONE-HALF IRANIAN HEAVY AND ONE-HALF LIGHT NIGERIAN CURDE. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES SAID AGREEMENTS (SIGNED BY GOI MINSTATE FOR PLANNING AND BUDGET ABDOL MAJID MAJIDI AND GOS MINCOORDINATION AND PLANNING, OTHMAN SEC) INCLUDED COOPERATION IN FOLLOWING PROJECTS: (A) CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORT IN SENEGAL FOR EXPORTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND BULK MINERALS; (B) DEVELOPMENT OF PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS IN SENEGAL, AND (C) STUDIES (BY AN IRANO-SENEGALESE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE) FOR A "GIANT ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SCHEME TO BE SET UP IN SENEGAL." ACCORDING  
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TO THE REPORTS, HEAD OF SENEGALESE DELEGATION PRIME MINISTER ABDOU

DIOUF WAS RECEIVED BY SHAH, SAW PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA, AND "HELD TALKS" WITH NIOC CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR EGHBAL. SENEGAL DELEGATION DEPARTED MORNING OF MARCH 8. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: NIOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CONFIRMED EMBOFF'S IMPRESSION THAT SENEGALESE HAVE HELD NO DETAILED TALKS AND SIGNED NO LETTER OF INTENT ON REFINERY PROJECT WITH NIOC. SOURCE SAID ONLY DOCUMENT SIGNED WAS "JUST A GOVERNMENT PROTOCOL." SOURCE WAS PRESENT AT SENEGAL DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH EGHBAL, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "COURTESY CALL." EMBOFF SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION SENEGALESE MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME FEASIBILITY STUDIES DONE. SOURCE REPLIES "NOT TO NIOC'S KNOWLEDGE." SOURCE COMMENTED "SOMETHING MAY COME OF THIS BUT YOU DON'T BUILD A REFINERY WITHOUT FIRST STUDYING MARKETS AND COSTS." EMBASSY NOTES THAT LAST GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS REFINERY PROJECT DEvised BY GOI PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA WAS LIEGE REFINERY DEAL IN BELGIUM. NIOC STUDIED, DISLIKED, DRAGGED OUT AND KILLED THAT PROJECT. DAKAR PROJECT, WE THINK, HAS BETTER CHANCE DUE GOI'S INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH "THIRD WORLD." NIOC, HOWEVER, WILL WANT TO EVALUATE PROJECT RIGOROUSLY BEFORE IT IS WILLING TO PROCEED. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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